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## HEAVY FIGHTING FORCES NAZIS EASTWARD

### U. S. NAVAL CHIEFS PLAN MAJOR BLOW AT JAPAN



Here are the U. S. naval chiefs as they met in San Francisco to map new war strategy against Japan. In view of their ranks and the number taking part, the vital nature of their conference appears obvious. Left to right are Adm. Raymond Spruance, Commander-in-Chief U. S. Fleet; Vice-Adm. C. A. Cook; Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal; Vice-Adm. Randal Jacobs, chief of Naval Personnel; Adm. Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet; and Vice-Adm. Aubrey W. Fitch, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

### FDR Makes Vote Appeal Tonight At 10

Washington, Oct. 5—(AP)—President Roosevelt will make his second cut-and-out speech for a fourth term tonight, a radio address beamed to Democratic party workers and aimed primarily at getting out a full strength vote in November.

There is considerable capital speculation whether the President will use the occasion to carry the campaign fight to his opponent, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, as he did in his opening address September 23.

Mr. Roosevelt will speak about 20 minutes on a radio program arranged by the Democratic National Committee. The broadcast starting at 10 p. m. will be carried by the Columbia and Mutual networks.

Although the President gave no advance indication of his subject, most White House sources expect the address to center largely to a go-to-the-polls appeal. However, Mr. Roosevelt has had no opportunity yet to make a public reply to the sharp attack Governor Dewey fired at his administration in the latter's speech in Oklahoma City.

Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan said tonight's broadcast would be directed to meetings of party workers in 125,000 voting areas throughout the country. Ten party workers are supposed to listen in each district, and after the broadcast, each will be given a list of registered voters and be charged with the responsibility of getting them to vote.

Hannegan and Mrs. Charles W. Felt, assistant Democratic national chairman, will appear on the program with the President.

### Ball Thinks Peace Policy Is Unclear

St. Paul, Oct. 5—(AP)—Senator Joseph H. Ball, Minnesota Republican, feels that neither Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican candidate for president, nor President Roosevelt has cleared stated his position on two questions vital to the problems of preventing future wars.

He said so last night in a broadcast address amplifying and repeating his earlier statement that he could not campaign for Dewey at this time because of doubts "he would fight vigorously for a foreign policy which will offer a real hope of preventing World War III."

"I cannot forget," said Senator Ball, "that 25 years ago the League of Nations was sabotaged and killed by public officials who claimed to be for its general outlines and purposes, but who fought every specific authority needed to make it effective."

He said Governor Dewey's position as outlined in his Louisville, Ky., address, "is fine as far as it goes," but that arguments along the lines which killed the League of Nations in the Senate 25 years ago, already are being heard against our joining an international security organization.

Demands are being made, he said, that all peace settlements be completed before the United States joins an international security organization and that Congress pass on decisions of a world council before permitting military participation against an aggressor by the United States.

### U. S. Submarines In Pacific Bag Eleven More Jap Vessels

#### Three Warcraft In Number Destroyed, Navy Report Says

Washington, Oct. 5—(AP)—American submarines ripping Japanese supply lines have destroyed another eleven enemy vessels, including three warcraft, the Navy announced today.

The fighting craft included a destroyer, an escort vessel and a transport tender, all of which may have been trying to protect Japanese convoys from American under water attack.

Also included in the latest bag of the submarines were six cargo ships and a large tanker from the rapidly dwindling Japanese fleet of fuel-carrying craft.

Also destroyed was a cable, indicating that the submarines may have been engaged in breaking or preventing repair of enemy communications lines.

The newly reported sinkings added to 924 the number of Japanese vessels of all types sunk, probably sunk or damaged by submarine attack.

#### Pearsall Reviews Farm Problems In State After War

Raleigh, Oct. 5—(AP)—One of the most pressing postwar problems facing North Carolina will be disposition of industrial surpluses without disrupting farm prices, Representative Thomas Pearsall, to Rocky Mount, president of the State Farmers' convention, told the farm and industry conference today.

He listed current North Carolina farm problems as efficient production, health and its relationship to soil fertility, forest conservation, improved farm practices year-round employment, economic stability, tenant farming, profitable outlets for farm products, disposition of surpluses, retention and regaining of foreign markets, the future of cotton, farm prices, the distribution cost of manufactured and processed agricultural products, processing of agricultural products in home areas, farm advantages, health and mechanization of farms.

### Stocks Drop Early Gains

New York, Oct. 5—(AP)—The stock market today made another brisk early stab at an advance, led by steel and specialties, but demand eventually tapered and many initial sprinters failed to follow through.

In front most of the time were Chrysler, General Motors, Douglas Aircraft and DuPont.

Rail bonds exhibited strength. Commodities were lower.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Partly cloudy with moderate temperatures tonight and Friday.

### His 73rd Birthday



ALTHOUGH Secretary of State Cordell Hull was celebrating his seventy-third birthday, it was "business as usual" in his busy Washington office as this photo was taken. Hull has held this post longer than any other U. S. Secretary of State. (International)

### New Russian Drive Begun In Lithuania

London, Oct. 5—(AP)—Russian troops in Lithuania have mounted an all-out offensive west of Siauliai, Colonel Ernst von Hammer, the German news agency's military commentator, said today in a broadcast.

The German report said 12 to 14 Russian divisions attacked in the Siauliai area, 80 miles northeast of the East Prussian city of Tilsit, with the four tank corps. A drum fire artillery barrage of guns "of the heaviest caliber" preceded the drive.

The enemy said the offensive was on a broad front. One of its purposes might be to cut off the 10th garrison to the north. Successful Russian operations also would prepare a northern push into East Prussia, along the eastern frontier.

The Germans announced earlier that seven Russian divisions of perhaps 100,000 men had invaded the main Estonian island of Saare (Osel), at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga, during the morning. Possession of the 1,000 square mile land mass would block the escape of Germans in the great Latvian seaport of Riga and permit the Russia fleet to burst into the Baltic Sea.

### Allied Landings In Greece May Oust Foe From Balkans

#### German Occupation May Fold Up There; Key Points Seized

Rome, Oct. 5—(AP)—Striking from the sea and air, British troops have landed in Greece, entered the port of Patras and seized airfields from which RAF Spitfires already are operating in support of the effort to drive out or destroy German resistance.

The Allied command, announcing the invasion today, said landing forces had made contact with the enemy both in Greece and neighboring southern Albania, where other units went ashore ten days ago.

There appeared a strong possibility the operations might swiftly end German rule throughout the Balkans. There was no immediate report on the extent of German resistance at Patras, Greece's third largest port, or elsewhere, but the Germans recently were said to have three divisions on the Greek mainland, as well as other elements evacuated from Crete, and the Aegean Sea islands.

All these have been reported ready to the northward on a moment's notice to escape the jaws of a great trap closing in the whole Balkans with Russian advances from the east and Allied forces with air support striking from the west.

The landing forces were believed to be of small size compared with the major invasions of Africa, Sicily, Italy and France.

In Albania the Allied forces were attempting to cut enemy communications around the port of Fieradice, supply base for the German garrison on the strongly defended island of Corfu.

British parachute troops struck the first blow in Greece, then quickly seized an airfield on the Peloponnese, from which Spitfires were operating before the landings from the sea began.

### Strikers At Detroit Vote To Go Back

Detroit, Oct. 5—(AP)—Approximately 50,000 maintenance workers, whose strike action yesterday tied up or impaired war production in 33 Detroit area plants, voted today to return to work on afternoon shifts, according to United Automobile Workers (UAW) spokesmen.

The action was announced following a meeting of officials of the executive board of the UAW-CIO and representatives of local unions making up the maintenance, construction and powerhouse councils.

The strike, which had begun to spread again this morning, had made more than 50,000 workers idle through plant closings and assembly line interruptions. Officials of the affected plants said it was necessary to send production workers home because the skilled and semi-skilled maintenance men—electricians, carpenters, millwrights, machine repairmen, etc.—keep the assembly lines and equipment in running condition.

Hardened by the walk-out yesterday were plants of the Briggs Manufacturing Company, Chrysler Corporation, Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company and Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation.

### Budget Requests Resolve Into Realm Of Ridiculous

#### Filmiest Kind of Excuses Presented for Enticing More Money From State's Coffers

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Raleigh, Oct. 5—One close observer and believed to be a competent authority on the matter remarked Wednesday that if the advisory budget commission and the legislative appropriations committees granted one-half the requests for additional money for State departments, agencies and institutions, the next finance committee would have a hard time raising the funds.

Some of them indicate a spirit of optimism, many imply a feeling of pessimism about conditions. Take the case of the motor vehicles department. Commissioner Boddie Ward Wednesday morning pleaded for a lot of money for his safety work, which roughly includes driver license, automobile theft bureau, and traffic law enforcement branches. The optimistic angle lay in his prediction that with war's end there would be more work for the registration division, because there would be more cars to register. The same reason was offered in support of request for increase in driver license examiners. The pessimistic side of the picture was that the greater number of cars on the roads would add to accident tolls, and

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### U. S. FIRST ARMY OPENS DRIVE



ONE OF THE GREATEST combined land and air assaults of the European campaign is under way with Lt. Gen. Hodges' U. S. First Army hurling an offensive on a 60-mile front (1) against the Siegfried line in the area of Aachen. A heavy bombing attack of the Cologne region figured in the opening stages of the assault. To the south, progress was reported in the Luxembourg region (2), while the Third Army occupied Chambray, 61 miles northeast of Nancy (3).

### Belgrade, Slavs' Capital, May Fall In Few Hours

#### German Position Is Held Untenable In Entire Section

Moscow, Oct. 5—(AP)—Russian armored spearheads advanced today on the rail junction of Pancevo, a city of 22,000 less than nine miles south of Belgrade, and front dispatches indicated that the Yugoslav capital may fall in a matter of hours.

The German position in all of the Belgrade area was declared untenable. The Russians have a big encircling maneuver ready to be put into effect if the enemy tries to dig in.

Closing in from the captured town of Banatska, 14 miles northeast of Belgrade, and Debalyevka, 18 miles to the north, Marshal Malinovsky's forces cleared two rail lines leading to Pancevo and aimed toward cutting the main railway running north-west from the capital—major remaining rail escape route for the bulk of the German forces on the Balkan peninsula.

Led by Yugoslav partisan scouts, Malinovsky's troops advanced 27 miles in 24 hours.

A companion Russian offensive

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### Casualties Now 417,085 In Army, Navy

Washington, Oct. 5—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson reported today that army casualties on all fronts were 341,293 September 21. The latest Navy casualty figure of 65,792 brought the total for the armed services to 417,085.

The campaign in Italy, Stimson said, has cost 32,111 ground force casualties.

Stimson's overall army total was up 12,000 from his last report of two weeks ago for the period ended September 6. The 341,293 was divided as follows: 68,568 killed; 135,921 wounded; 45,466 missing, and 31,358 prisoners. Two weeks ago the army total of 337,743 stood: 64,466 killed; 177,235 wounded; 47,315 missing.

The navy casualties, with comparisons for two weeks ago: Total, 65,792 and 63,017; killed, 25,963 and 23,152; wounded, 25,503 and 23,807; missing, 9,761 and 9,532; prisoners, 4,480 and 4,105.

Stimson said that 84,379 of the army wounded have returned to duty.

The separate report of Italian campaign casualties did not include air force personnel losses. It showed 15,389 killed and 56,178 wounded and 10,044 missing as of September 25.

The last previous Italian casualty report covering the fighting through September 7 had listed 91,923, but this included air operations as well as ground action.

### German Targets Bombed by 1,000 American Planes

London, Oct. 5—(AP)—More than 1,000 United States Flying Fortresses and Liberators hit German targets at Cologne, Rhein, Harford, Lippstadt, Paderborn and Munster in clearing weather today.

Two main forces, with strong fighter escort, attacked the choked rail terminals at Cologne and Rhein, while smaller formations raided airfields at the other places.

Rhein is an important western front rail junction just across the Dutch border near Munster. RAF Mosquitoes kept the offensive going last night with a stab at 13 more trains in Germany and Holland. It was the 28th night out of the last 34 that Allied bombers had visited the Reich.

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### Fighting In British Area Intensified

#### Three-Mile Gap In Siegfried Line Is Cut By Americans

London, Oct. 5—(AP)—Heavy fighting flared along the Nijmegen-Arnhem corridor today as British infantry attacked in several sectors, gaining a mile in one place, in a westward advance toward the German frontier.

Below these sectors, United States tank and infantry, fighting at the edge of the Cologne plain after tearing a three-mile wide breach in the original Siegfried line at Unsch, battled forward slowly against hardened German resistance centering on newly constructed anti-tank ditches and recently erected pillboxes. The doughboys beat down an armored counter attack on the southern flank of their wedge driven into the German line in this sector north of Aachen, and the Germans admitted the Americans had widened their wedge.

General Dempsey's main attack eastward was launched on a six-mile front from south of Arnhem and only about two miles from the famous bridge for which the British first airborne division had battled in vain. It was aimed in the direction of Pannerden, eight miles south-east of Arnhem and the same distance northwest of Nijmegen. Staff opposition limited the advance to about a mile.

To the west, Canadian troops hurled the Germans back from F. A. Cappelien and Starbroek, five to seven miles north of Antwerp, in a thrust within seven miles of the narrow land neck over which the only road runs from the mainland to the Dutch islands of Beveland and RAF-flooded Walcheren.

To the south one of the strongest battles of the war developed amid gunfire and the smoke of fire grenades and burning crude oil at F. A. Durrant, key bastion to Metz. Doughboys of the American third army held the surface and the Nazi garrison fought with desperation in the maze of underground defenses.

AP Correspondent Edward D. Ball reported in a dispatch from the Metz front that the Americans had made their first penetration last night into the subterranean tunnels of Fort Desant.

Capture of the fort was announced prematurely at supreme headquarters yesterday on the basis of front line dispatches before the full tenacity of the German stand was known.

### Roosevelt Plans Italian Controls Of Their Affairs

Washington, Oct. 5—(AP)—Plans are now before President Roosevelt, it was learned today, to change over from military to civilian control of the Italian peninsula.

The plans, which include sending home Italian war prisoners still held by the Allies, are points in a series of recommendations already carried out, which were listed by the President in a statement yesterday.

The first three basic Italian needs, which the President took measures to alleviate were named as food, conservation and electric power. The next step, which is expected to be taken promptly, is to replace military officials by civilians. It is perhaps here that Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, fits into the revamped Italian picture, although high official sources insist that no decision has yet been made on precisely when LaGuardia will go to Italy, and what his job will be when and if he gets there.

As civilians step in one by one to take over jobs now being held by Allied army officers, the plan is to turn administration of government departments back to the Italians one by one. First in the list may be control over schools.

### Cotton Prices Down Slightly

New York, Oct. 5—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five to 25 cents a bale lower. Noon prices were five to 35 cents a bale lower October 22.08, December 21.94, March 21.98. P. Close Open  
October ..... 22.09    22.08  
December ..... 21.97    21.93  
March ..... 22.03    21.99  
July ..... 22.01    21.97  
May ..... 21.78    21.75